



Consolato Generale d'Italia
Houston

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STUDY VISA

1. **Visa Application Form**, please ensure that all names listed on the passport are accurately reflected on the visa application form, and that all personal data exactly matches the information shown in the passport. The form must be dated and signed, and the signature must be notarized either by a U.S. notary public (for those mailing in their application) or in front of a visa officer (for those submitting their application in person).
2. **Recent passport-size photograph** 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) on white background, full face and front view, stapled/glued to the application form. Scanned or photocopied photos will NOT be accepted;
3. **Physical passport** (plus 1 copy of the main page). The passport or travel document must be valid for at least three months beyond the visa's expiration date; it must also be no older than ten years and contain at least two blank pages for the visa to be affixed;
4. **Notarized Copy of Permanent Residence Card (not applicable to US citizens);** (1 copy front and back side) OR other US immigration document allowing re-entry into the United States (e.g., valid long-term US visa, Advanced Parole, etc.). International students must submit a notarized copy of F-1 Visa and I-20 (1 copy of each document) ;
5. **Copy of Driver's License or State ID** as proof of residence in the jurisdiction of this Consulate General. If you recently moved and have not updated your ID, you must submit another proof of current address (e.g., utility bills, bank statements, etc.);
6. **Original letter of enrollment from home/US academic institution**, indicating the student's current status in the American school system (full-time in good standing) and expected date of graduation. If no longer attending school, kindly provide copy of the most recent transcript;
7. **Original letter of acceptance from an accredited Italian academic institution**. The letter, on the institution's letterhead, must specify the period of study, the full-time enrollment (at least 20 hours per week), and if tuition and room/board are covered in full;
8. **Proof of financial means** a recent bank statement or a letter from a US banking institution, (a minimum of \$ 800.00 per each month of stay in Italy is required). Students who receive financial aid must present an official letter from their University stating amount of aid and time of disbursement;
9. **Affidavit of Support** If the applicant does not have personal funds and is financially supported by one or both parents, the supporting parent(s) must submit an affidavit of support along with a recent bank statement (see section "Proof of Financial Means"). The affidavit may be signed in front of the visa officer if the parent(s) are present at the applicant's interview, or it must be notarized by a Notary Public.;
10. **Proof of health insurance coverage** abroad as follows:
 - Certificate issued by the health insurance company or by the Study Abroad Program, stating that the student is covered for hospitalization, emergencies, evacuation and repatriation in full with direct payments to the medical service providers in Italy or
 - Affidavit of Overseas Health Insurance;
11. **Proof of lodging** if not included in the letter of acceptance from the Italian Institution, students can provide an Hotel reservation, a host declaration, a leasing contract;
12. **Flight reservation**: For a period of study of less than 90 days, a round-trip ticket is required; for a period of study exceeding 90 days, a one-way ticket is acceptable. In all cases, the reservation must clearly indicate the airport or border of entry into Italy.

13. **Visa fee** (non refundable). The Office accepts **Money order or Cashier's checks**. Applicants who will mail their application must enclose the payment in the envelope along with the other documents. Universities that collaborate with the Office under the **batch process** must submit **one money order** covering the total amount for all applications included in the shipment.

14. **Mailing** Applicants may provide a **self-addressed, pre-paid Express Mail envelope with tracking** number to receive their passport and visa by mail; however, envelopes with insufficient postage will not be accepted. Passports and visas may also be collected in person at this Office during regular business hours. **Regular mail is not accepted**. If using FedEx, please ensure that the **Consulate is not listed as the sender** of the shipment.

15. **Enrollment to an Italian University for "Corsi di Laurea", Masters and "Corsi Singoli"** students can apply for the Italian University/study visa if they have :

- completed the Italian University pre-enrollment registration through the Official portal www.universitaly.it ;
- a Declaration of value (Dichiarazione di valore) issued by the competent Italian Consulate or
- a Certification Enic-Naric issued by the CIMEA (www.cimea.it) For additional information on how to obtain a Declaration of Value contact the Student Office at houston.education@esteri.it;

If applicable:

16. **Internship**: student accepted for an internship in Italy are required to provide :

- official internship project "PROGETTO FORMATIVO" drafted by the Italian company /institution and approved by the Italian local Regional Authority (Assessorato competente della Regione). Study/Internships Visas is subject to yearly quotas;

17. **Minors**:

- Authorization to travel signed by both parents. Parents can either appear before the Visa Officer or send a notarized consent. (see form on www.conshouston.esteri.it / visas / forms);
- Birth certificate, original or a notarized copy; (All foreign documents MUST be translated into English and the translations legalized by the competent Consulate);
- Notarized copies of both parents' picture I.D. ;
- Affidavit signed by the Italian school legal representative or by the person that will take responsibility of the minor in Italy and a copy of his/her Italian ID ;